

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**  
239 Causeway Street, Room 417A  
Boston, MA 02114

**Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**Board Members Present**

K. Gehly, CNP, Chair  
P. Gales, RN, Vice Chair  
M. Beal, CNM  
J. Killion, LPN  
B. Levin, RN  
C. Simonian, PharmD, RPh  
S. Taylor, RN  
C. Tebaldi, CNP  
C. Urena, LPN

**Board Members Not Present**

A. Alley, RN  
E. Richard Rothmund, Public Member  
A. Peckham, RN

**Staff Present**

K. Ashe, RN, Nursing Education Coordinator  
O. Atueyi, JD, Board Counsel  
V. Berg, Chief Board Counsel  
H. Cambra, RN, JD, Complaint Resolution Coord.  
K. Keenan, Licensing Coordinator  
C. Silveira, RN, Assistant Director

**Staff Not Present**

D.M. DeVaux, RN, SARP Coordinator  
A. Fein, RN, JD, Complaint Resolution Coord.  
K. Fishman, Probation Monitor  
V. Iyawe, RN, SARP Coordinator  
L. Talarico, CNP, Nursing Practice Coordinator  
T. Westgate, Program Coordinator

**Guests**

See attached list.

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**TOPIC:**

Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

At 9:03 a.m., K. Gehly, Chairperson, called the August 5, 2015, Emergency Board Meeting to order and declared a quorum of the Board members was present.

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**TOPIC:**

Approval of Agenda

**DISCUSSION:**

Chief Board Counsel, V. Berg, announced that the meeting would be recorded.

**ACTION:** Motion by B. Levin and seconded by J. Killion and voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

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**TOPIC:**

Request for Order of Summery Suspension in the Matter of **J. Eustache, RN2298200, NUR-2015-0125.** H. Cambra presented her previously distributed memorandum with information detailing the allegations of, and the evidence subsequently obtained that substantiates that the Licensee was issued a Massachusetts Registered Nurse license based upon fraudulent information provided on the Application submitted by the Licensee. The Board was also informed that O. Atueyi had received a fully signed and witnessed Permanent Revocation Agreement of her Registered Nurse license from Ms. Eustache through her Attorney.

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Tebaldi expressed concern about whether there would be communication with the Licensee's current employer; staff assured the Board that the Licensee's attorney had provided confirmation of the Licensee's immediate resignation from her employment. B. Levin inquired as to whether staff had any indication that there was a larger enterprise happening that would have assisted the Licensee in her applying with fraudulent information. Board staff indicated that they are querying the Board's licensure databases and working with the Operations Manager at Professional Credential Service (PCS) to both provide all past and pending applications meeting similar criteria, as well as participating in a root cause analysis related to the issuance of this Registered Nurse license. S. Taylor asked if the quantities of Certificates of Graduation that are provided to the Nursing Programs are tracked for security purposes against forgery; K. Gehly responded that in Massachusetts, Nursing Programs are required to provide PCS with a list of graduates as well as a sample signature of the Program Administrators. C. Tebaldi inquired as to whether there were any reports of practice breakdown by the Licensee, Board staff indicated there had not been any reports.

**ACTION:**

Motion by P. Gales, seconded by C. Tebaldi, and voted unanimously to authorize the Agreement for the Permanent Revocation of her Registered Nurse license, as well as referring this matter to the Office of the Attorney General.

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**TOPIC:**

Request for Order of Summery Suspension in the Matter of **E. Tunis, RN2300218, NUR-2015-0126.** H. Cambra presented her previously distributed memorandum with information detailing the allegations of, and the evidence obtained that substantiates the Licensee was issued a Massachusetts Registered Nurse license based upon fraudulent information provided on the Application submitted by the Licensee. The Board was also informed that O. Atueyi had received a fully signed and witnessed Permanent Revocation Agreement of her Registered Nurse license from Ms. Tunis through her Attorney, as well as expressing her intent to withdraw her currently active Application for Initial LPN Licensure by Exam due to expire in December 2015.

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Tebaldi expressed concern about whether there would be communication with the Licensee's current employer; staff assured the Board that the Licensee's attorney had provided confirmation of the Licensee's immediate resignation from her employment. B. Levin inquired as to whether staff had any indication that there was a larger enterprise happening that would have assisted the Licensee in her applying with fraudulent information. Board staff indicated that they are querying the Board's licensure databases and working with the Operations Manager at Professional Credential Service (PCS) to both

provide all past and pending applications meeting similar criteria, as well as participating in a root cause analysis related to the issuance of this Registered Nurse license. S. Taylor asked if the quantities of Certificates of Graduation that are provided to the Nursing Programs are tracked for security purposes against forgery; K. Gehly responded that in Massachusetts, Nursing Programs are required to provide PCS with a list of graduates as well as a sample signature of the Program Administrators. C. Tebaldi inquired as to whether there were any reports of practice breakdown by the Licensee, Board staff indicated there had not been any reports.

**ACTION:**

Motion by B. Levin, seconded by M. Beal, and unanimously passed to authorize the Agreement for the Permanent Revocation of her Registered Nurse license; refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General; and if written confirmation of Ms. Tunis' intent to withdraw her active LPN application is not received by the Board by Wednesday, August 12, 2015 then initiate denial proceedings against the application based upon noncompliance with the Good Moral Character Licensure Policy 00-01.

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**TOPIC:**

Adjournment

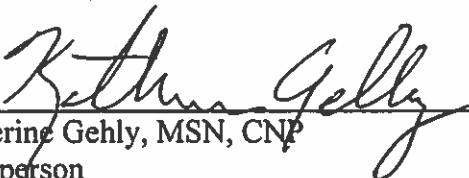
**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by S. Taylor, seconded by J. Killion, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:31am.

Minutes of the Board's August 5, 2015, emergency meeting were approved by the Board on September 9, 2015.

  
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Katherine Gehly, MSN, CNP  
Chairperson  
Board of Registration in Nursing

Agenda with exhibits list attached

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**NOTICE OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**

**August 5, 2015**

239 Causeway Street ~ Room 417 A&B  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF July 29, 2015, 2:00 pm**

Estimated Time	#	A. Item	Exhibits	Presented by
9:00 a.m.	I.	B. <b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM</b>	None	
	II.	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	Agenda	
	III.	<b>REQUESTS FOR ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION</b> 1. J. Eustache, RN2298200, NUR-2015-0125 2. E. Tunis, RN2300218, NUR-2015-0126	Request memorandum and supporting documentation	HC/RB HC/RB
10:00.m.	IV.	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		